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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT TO BELGIUM

1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO BELGIUM EMBASSY, DATES OF NOVEMBER 19-22 HAVE NOW BEEN AGREED FOR VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK. LONG-TERM POLISH-BELGIUM INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS NEGOTIATED HERE LAST MONTH AND WHICH REPORTEDLY IS VERY SIMILAR TO RECENT POLISH-UK AGREEMENT, WILL BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGIUM EMBASSY CHARGE (CARLIER-PEOTECT) INFORMED US THAT AGREEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED BETWEEN BELGIAN AND POLISH SIDES FOR POLISH PZPR FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK
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TO VISIT BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 19-22. LONG-TERM, 10 YEAR

POLISH-BELGIAN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, WHICH WAS INITIALED BY THE TWO SIDES AT WARSAW ON SEPT 8, WILL BE SIGNED DURING GIEREK VISIT. CARLIER TOLD US POLES VERY RECENTLY HAD PROPOSED THAT ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS COVERING SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT. HOWEVER, SUCH AGREEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY AND CARLIER DOUBTED THEY COULD BE PUT TOGETHER IN THE TIME REMAINING.

3. NEW LONG-TERM INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO CARLIER, IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT CONCLUDED IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR BETWEEN THE UK AND POLAND. THE ONLY REAL DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED IN ITS NEGOTIATION WAS CAUSED BY GOP EFFORTS TO INSERT REFERENCES TO GATT AND MFN TREATMENT. BELGIUM, CARLIER SAID, WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE EC RULES RESTRICTING MEMBER COUNTRIES FROM DEALING BILATERALLY WITH STATE TRADING COUNTRIES ON COMMERCIAL MATTERS. (HE CITED AN INSTANCE EARLIER THIS YEAR IN WHICH ITALY REPORTEDLY WAS COMPELLED BY THE EC COMMISSION TO REVISE AN ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA FOR THIS REASON.) THE RESULT, CARLIER REPORTED, WAS THAT, AS WITH US-POLISH COOPERATION AGREEMENT, COMPROMISE FORMULA WAS FOUND WHEREBY REFERENCE IS MADE IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE POLISH-BELGIUM AGREEMENT TO FACT THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO GATT.

4. EMBASSY ALSO LEARNED THAT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF POLISH PLANNING COMMISSION HENRYK KISIEL WILL VISIT BELGIUM DURING LATTER PART OF OCTOBER. JUDGING FROM PAST ACTIVITIES OF KISIEL AS FORERUNNER TO OTHER WESTERN VISITS BY POLISH LEADERS, WE ANTICIPATE HE WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE BELGIAN LINE OF CREDIT WHICH COULD BE ANNOUNCED AS PART OF RESULTS OF GIEREK'S VISIT.
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